GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:85
ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004
MONITORING OF PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) The difference in wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities in the metropolitan cities at present;

(b) The manner in which the wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities are monitored by the Government;

(c) Whether any guidelines have been issued to States with regard to maximum limit of difference in the wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : Wholesale and retail prices of 14 essential commodities which are monitored by the Department in respect of metropolitan cities, as on 23.6.2004 are given in the Annexure.

(b) : The retail prices on daily basis and wholesale prices on weekly basis are monitored by the Price Monitoring Cell in the Department of Consumer Affairs on the basis of the price data received from State Civil Supplies Departments. The price situation is also monitored regularly by the High Powered Price Monitoring Board.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

Annexure
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 85 FOR 5/7/2004 REGARDING MONITORING OF PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

Wholesale and Retail prices of Essential Commodities in four metropolitan cities as on 23.6.2004

(Rs per kg)

Item	Delhi		Mumbai		Kolkata		Chennai	
	Wholesale	Retail	Wholesale	Retail	Wholesale	Retail	Wholesale	Retail
Rice	10.80	13.00	9.38	11.00	8.00	10.00	10.50	12.00
Wheat	6.75	8.00	10.13	10.50	N.T.	N.T.	10.00	12.00
Atta	7.55	9.00	10.50	12.00	7.78	9.50	10.70	12.50
Gram dal	16.75	22.00	19.50	22.00	18.00	24.00	18.50	23.00
Tur dal	22.50	33.00	26.00	28.00	26.00	28.00	29.00	33.00
Sugar	16.10	17.00	16.05	16.50	16.70	17.00	15.70	16.00
Groundnut								

oil	69.67	76.00	52.00	55.00	62.00	70.00	46.00	49.00
Mustard oil	42.00	48.00	50.00	55.00	46.50	50.00	N.A.	N.A.
Vanaspati	47.33	49.00	50.66	54.00	46.67	48.00	48.66	52.00
Tea(loose)	100.00	105.00	65.00	136.00	50.00	100.00	180.00	190.00
Milk	N.A.	15.00	N.A.	14.00	N.A.	17.00	13.50	14.00
Potato	6.13	10.00	5.70	7.50	5.20	6.50	7.00	7.00
Onion	3.25	6.00	5.25	6.50	5.00	7.00	4.50	6.00
Salt								
(Packed)	5.60	7.00	6.96	7.50	5.00	6.00	6.00	7.00

Source : State Civil Supplies Department N.T.- Not Traded; N.A.-Not Available; Refined oil